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BLM Opens Tundra to Overland Travel In NE and NW National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska

FAIRBANKS, AK... The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced that the tundra is now open for overland tundra travel in support of permitted activities for the 2005-2006 exploration season in Northeast and Northwest areas of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).

A combination of weather data and various field tests including cone penetrometer, plate indentation, slide hammer, and soil core extraction were used to determine that the tundra was frozen to an adequate depth, and that sufficient snow cover exists to protect the vegetative surface.

Permitted activities may commence on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, and will cease at the onset of spring thaw, approximately May 2006.

For more specific information about the tundra opening in NPR-A, contact Darek Huebner at 907-474-2312.

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